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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 4, 2000, said period of response being extended from May 4, 2000 to July 4, 2000 (Holiday).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 the amount of \$380.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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